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THE SONG OF HEROES.

The Lives of Both the President and Vice-President Saved by Colored Men—Baltimore Afro-Americans Organized a Business Club—Oriole News-Notes

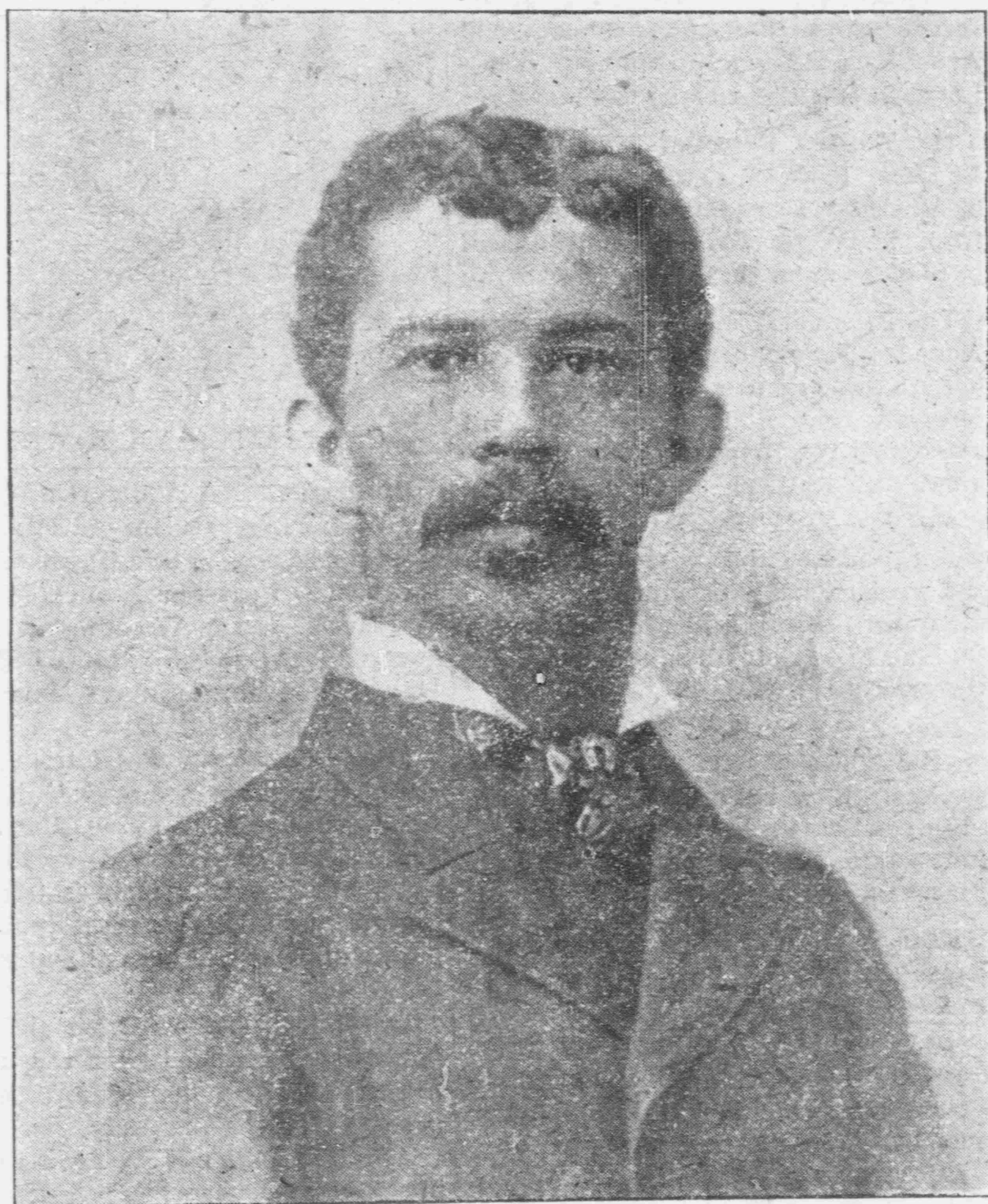
Baltimore, Md., Special:—The dreadful calamity which has visited the nation, in the attempted assassination of President McKinley, was a great shock to this community and all citizens are in deepest gloom over the affair. Regardless of race, politics or religion, the leading men at this city, expressed their heartfelt sympathy for the President and his grief-stricken wife and utterable condemnation for the lawless wretch who has thrown the nation in the deepest gloom. Equally unanimous is the praise for the colored man Parker who at the critical moment prevented the would-be assassin from firing another, and probably a fatal shot, and the remarkable incident is coupled with the record made by the gallant Negro soldiers at San Juan Hill who saved the life of Vice-President Roosevelt. These two incidents give the Negro an enviable place in the history of his country at this time. Parker, a Negro, saved the life of the President in time of peace; the gallant 9th and 10th Cavalry saved the life of the Vice-President, in time of war. At all of the colored churches in the city, the incident was commented upon and prayer was offered for the recovery of the President, and for strength and courage for his loving wife.

The leading young colored men of the city met on Thursday evening and organized a social club upon the plan of a stock company. It was determined to incorporate the organization on a capital stock of \$2,000 divided into two hundred shares of the par value of \$10 each, each member being a stockholder and no one member being permitted to purchase more than one share of stocks. The meeting was largely attended and a large proportion of the two hundred shares have been subscribed for. The following persons were elected: Officer: P. E. Williams, W. Frazier, Ist Vice-Pres., E. Bernard Taylor, Second Vice-Pres., Alfred Peck, Third Vice-Pres., Thos. B. Pendleton, Sec'y, Babel Caloway, Jr.; Treas. Harry L. Cumming; Chairman of Board of Directors, Walter W. Lewis; Chairman of House Committee, Charles J. Berkley. A large and commodious house will be either leased or purchased and any accommodation will be afforded.

Messrs. William H. Lee and Edgar Braxton, two popular young school teachers, who have been summering at Deer Park, have returned to the city, much benefited by their trip.

Mr. John Bell, one of Baltimore's leading colored citizens, died at his residence on Division Street, Friday evening and was buried from Sharp Street Memorial Church on Monday at 3 o'clock. Mr. Bell was a very useful citizen being at one time President of the Monumental Literary Association and was interested in all movements for the progress of the race. He is survived by a widow who during his long illness, was tireless in her efforts for his comfort.

The new edifice of the St. James P.



MR. JAMES B. PARKER,

Who Saved President McKinley From the Hands of the Assassin in the Temple of Music, of Buffalo, N. Y., Last Week.

(The above picture was taken about seventeen years ago, when Mr. Parker was a letter carrier in Atlanta, Ga.)

E. Church, corner Preston street and Park avenue, is nearing completion, and its doors will soon be opened to the congregation and friends of the church. The structure is plain but imposing. The change of location will in all probability serve to increase the membership and add to the popularity of the church. Rev. Geo. T. Bragg, Jr., the able young rector has worked faithfully for the change and the wisdom of his efforts will soon be seen.

Mrs. Bishop Handy who met with a painful injury in Jacksonville, Fla., during the winter, has so far recovered that she is able to move around without the aid of her crutches. Mrs. Handy's recovery is a source of great pleasure to her many friends who know of her good and charitable work when in health.

Rev. G. W. Kincaid, President of the Chambersburg Colored Institute for Colored Youth, and formerly Pastor of Zion Church here, has been in the city for several days renewing old acquaintance.

Rev. Ernest Lyon officiated at a bapt-

tism at Round Bay. He was assisted by Rev. Kincaid. Two thousand persons were present. Ten persons were immersed.

Mr. Ambrose E. Briscoe, one of the most talented musicians of our city, will soon visit the Continent.

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Visitors From the Crescent City.

Mrs. Belle W. Kelly, of No. 326 Spruce street, had a ten days visit from three charming lady friends from New Orleans, La. Mrs. Delia Adams, Miss Emma M. and Miss Hiedred Williams. The ladies were almost overwhelmed with attention on being kept constantly on the go both by day and night up to their departure on Monday last, tired but rejoicing over their good time. It is said that a large increase in the revenues of the Post Office Department may be expected from the pockets of at least two of our Washington eligible young men, who have been quite dreamy-eyed and absent-minded like since they left.

INDUSTRY WINS ITS REWARD.

The Triumphs of Dr. William A. Warfield a Demonstration that Merit Will Find Recognition Despite Color or Condition—Real Head of Freedmen's Hospital for Years

It seems almost a needless reiteration of an old saw to say that merit will find a way. It is almost useless repetition to say that character is the true test of manhood, and fixes the place of individual in the judgment of the world, notwithstanding personal disadvantages of color or texture of the hair. But these true sayings are as true in this modern age as in 'ye olden time' when they first found expression in the soul of some Solomon of his generation.

The career of Dr. William A. Warfield is a happy case in point, here where he is best known and loved for his genial qualities, his history is a familiar story, and his march upward and onward is pointed out with a peculiar pride, and his success is held up as an encouraging example to the youth who is inclined to grow despondent because of the difficulties that lie in the wake of the aspiring Afro-American. And with excellent reason is Dr. Warfield singled out as an aspirant and a guide, for he has risen to high estate from the depths of poverty, and the length of the stride in so short a period is well-calculated to cause one to think of "Aladdin" and his wonderful lamp, and we are tempted to ask the Doctor by what feat of magic or legerdemain has he accomplished this great work. But when the analysis comes, there is no suspicion of sleight-of-hand—it is simply a story of labor, labor, labor—and waiting with patience, fortitude and vigilance for the harvest to come. That is all—a belief in the natural law that "by their fruits ye shall know them" and working industriously to that end. What Dr. Warfield has done, other Afro-Americans can do—if they are willing to labor unceasingly, live frugal lives, take a step at the time, watch their opportunities for advancement, sacrifice pleasure for excellence, and burn the midnight oil in pursuit of knowledge. Try it.

Dr. W. A. Warfield is a native of Maryland, having been born in the little village of Hyattstown, Montgomery county in 1866. At the age of eight he went with his parents to Clarkburg, where he acquired the rudiments of an education in the public school. Growing on the farm in the meantime to support himself. At the age of twenty he received a certificate to teach, after passing a rigid examination, but his mind was set on higher things, and he felt that his equipment was scarcely adequate to impart instruction in the way he thought just to the children and the school authorities. So, turning a deaf ear to the meagerness of friends and even the tender solicitude of a mother from whom he felt compelled to part with for the first time, he went to Baltimore and entered Morgan College. He graduated therefrom with honors in 1891.

He had, as a boy, often gazed with

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